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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6818

BILL NUMBER: SB 312

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 2, 2013

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: School Board Elections; Teacher Union Dues.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Smith J

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: *Elections:* This bill provides that school board members are elected on a partisan basis.

Union Dues: The bill prohibits a school employer from deducting union dues from a teacher's salary.

Repealers: The bill repeals: (1) a provision requiring a nonpartisan listing of school board members on an election ballot; and (2) a provision allowing a school employer to deduct union dues from a teacher's salary.

Conforming Changes: The bill also makes conforming changes to related sections.

Effective Date: July 1, 2013.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: *Elections:* This provision would establish school boards as an elected office on par with other primary nominated and general elected offices. Counties with optical scan voting systems would see a slight increase in ballot costs to include school board offices on the primary ballot. Counties with direct recording electronic (DRE) voting systems would not have an increase in cost, but only additional programming of the primary ballot to include school board offices. DRE county election officials would be able to program in the school board offices at the time they program in other offices on the primary

ballot.

Union Dues. The removal of the ability of an employee to have their union dues deducted from their wages by the school should not have any fiscal impact. Changing the deduction could be done with existing resources.

Background: Dues to school employee organizations are between about \$400 and \$700 per year. The state's largest school employee organization, the Indiana State Teachers Association, has about 50,000 members

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: County election boards.

Information Sources:

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